(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) action proposed to be taken by Government against the defaulting hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued show cause notices to the following hospitals in Delhi:

(i) Army Research and Referral Hospital, Subrato Park, Delhi

(ii) Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi.

(iii) Tirathram Shah Hospital, Battery Lane, Delhi.

(iv) Lady Harding Medical College and Associated Hospitals, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi.

(v) Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, 1, Tughalakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi.

(c) After examining the responses received from these hospitals, CPCB has carried out inspections to check the measures taken and directed them to take necessary action for further improvements wherever needed.

Cache of skins of wild animals

†1753. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cache of skins of tigers, cheetahs and other wild animals killed in Ranthambore Tiger Project in Rajasthan has been caught anywhere in the country during the last five years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to stop smuggling of skins and other items of animals killed in sanctuaries and tiger projects in the country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether skin of the tiger Bhambhu Ram, which was seen by former American President Bill Clinton in Sawai Madhopur Ranthambore Tiger Project has also been found in the skins of tigers caught in Delhi recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Though several seizures of body parts of tiger and leopard have been made in different parts of the country during the last five years, it is not possible for enforcement agencies to confirm that such seizures belong to wild animals killed in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan. The cases of seizures relating to tiger and leopard during the last five years are at statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) The steps taken are in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(c) The Tiger seen by the former American President three years ago was an adult animal. The sociology and land tenure system of tiger is flexible and dynamic resulting in territorial occuption of fittest individuals. Hence, it is not possible to surmise mortality of the then resident tiger seen due to poaching, as intrinsic natural causes are also involved resulting in frequent 'take-over' of natal areas by fittest territorial tigers to ensure genetic viability.

Statement-I

Seizure of Tiger Parts & Products during the Period 1998-2002

	Bones	Claws	Skin
1998			
Tiger	1kg.	-	14
Leopard	-	-	-
1999			
Tiger	187.5kg.	10	36
Leopard	-	-	77

	Bones	Claws	Skin
2000			
Tiger	300 kg.	132	9
Leopard	176	18080	195
2001			
Tiger	28.5kg + 22 skulls	10	30
Leopard	2.95 kg.	-	146
2002 (till September 2002)			
Tiger	23 kg.	44	11
Leopard	-	-	34

Statement-II

The safeguards taken by the Government to conserve wildlife and its habitat in Tiger Reserves

(i) Assessing the impact of any developmental project on wildlife and its habitat.

(ii) According legal protection to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(iii) Providing financial and technical help to States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing the capacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection and improvement of habitat for wild animals.

(iv) Empowering the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders.

(v) A Special Coordination and Enforcement Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Secretary (Environment and

Forests), Government of India for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(vi) A National Conference of Forest and Environment Ministers of State Governments was held on 29th and 30th January, 2001, wherein it was resolved to organise the existing protection staff into viable formations for effective control within and outside protected areas.

(vii) During IX Plan period, the area of Tiger Reserves has increased from 33,167 sq. km. to 37,761 sq. km.

Polluted Yamuna water

1754. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Yamuna water continues to be a dirty drain;

(b) if so, whether the water quality of the river as tested on April 3, 2002 showed presence of 37 lakh faecal coliform per 100 ml rendering it unfit for any purpose; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The water quality of river Yamuna along the polluted stretch of Delhi is monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board every month. The monitoring report of April 2, 2002 in the Delhi stretch indicates that the river water quality at Palla where the river enters Delhi is generally within the prescribed standards. However, the water quality deteriorates in Delhi stretch due to the discharge of partly treated & partly untreated sewage and industrial effluents through the 19 drains outfalling into the river and lack of fresh water flow in the river. Out of the 19 drains, 17 drains are outfalling in the Delhi stretch of river between Wazirabad barrage and Okhla barrage and the remaining 2 drains are outfalling downstream of Okhla barrage. The values of Dissolved Oxygen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand and coliform levels at 4 different locations downstream of Palla as compared to the standard values are given below:—